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SUBJ: SALE OF IBM COMPUTER TO HUNGARIAN CENTRAL STATISTICAL
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1. EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER AFTER PLACING RSO-SUPPLIED AMERICAN PADLOCKS ON EACH OF TWO CONTROL HATCHES ON BOX NOW CONSIDERS BOX TO BE ADEQUATE TO PERFORM STORAGE FUNCTION. EMBASSY HAS RETURNED BOX TO IBM WHICH WILL INSTALL IT AT CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE WHEN COMPUTER BEGINS OPERATIONS JANUARY 20. INITIAL EMBASSY TAPE PICK-UP SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 24 WITH SUBSEQUENT PICK-UPS TAKING PLACE AT REGULAR TWO-WEEK INTERVALS.

2. IBM INFORMS US NOW THAT IN FACT STORAGE BOX WILL ONLY BE USED TO STORE TAPE CONTAINING SMF DATA FOR BRIEF PERIOD PRIOR TO OUR BIWEEKLY PICK-UP. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR SMF DATA TO BE DUMPED FROM DISC TO A MASTER TAPE ON DAILY BASIS BY IBM REPRESENTATIVE IN PRESENCE OF CSO OFFICIAL. MASTER TAPE WILL BE KEPT IN CONTROL OF CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE UNTIL FILLED, DURING WHICH TIME TAPE WILL BE STORED IN SPECIAL CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE BOX TO WHICH ONLY CSO OFFICIALS WILL HAVE ACCESS. SINCE MASTER TAPE WILL HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH CAPACITY FOR TWO WEEK'S SMF DATA, TAPE WOULD ONLY BE TRANSFERRED TO U.S. STORAGE BOX EVERY TWO WEEKS EITHER SHORTLY BEFORE OR ON DAY PRIOR TO
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PLANNED PICK-UP. METER READINGS, HOWEVER, WILL BE PLACED

INTO OUR STORAGE BOX ON DAILY BASIS. WE ASSUME DEPT AWARE OF THIS WHEN SALE APPROVED BUT WISH TO POINT OUT THAT ONLY SECURITY U.S. BOX PROVIDES WILL CONSEQUENTLY BE FOR SHORT PERIOD EVERY OTHER WEEK BETWEEN TIME OF DEPOSIT OF TAPE AND OUR RETRIEVAL OF BOX.

3. IBM HUNGARY HAS REQUESTED THAT EXPORT CONTROL AUTHORITIES RETURN SUBMITTED TAPES WITH SMF DATA WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THEIR SUBMISSION TO WASHINGTON. THEY ALSO ASKED THAT TAPES BE RETURNED TO THEM VIA EMBASSY USING DIPLOMATIC POUCH DUE TO NECESSITY OF OBTAINING IMPORT LICENSES FROM HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL TAPE BROUGHT BACK TO HUNGARY IF RETURN NOT HANDLED THIS WAY. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED IF TAPES ONCE SUBMITTED CAN BE RETURNED AND, IF SO, HOW DEPT WISHES TO HANDLE IT. EMBASSY PREFERS NOT TO BE FURTHER INVOLVED IF OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING EXACT ADDRESS OF OFFICE TO WHICH EMBASSY SHOULD FORWARD TAPES AS WELL AS WHAT CLASSIFICATION IF ANY SHOULD BE USED IN THEIR TRANSMISSION.
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